

Arkansas

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Arkansas Chick Placements Virtually Unchanged From Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 24.1 million during the week ending May 19, 2007. Placements were virtually unchanged from the comparable week in 2006, but down 2 percent from the previous week, and included 2.6 million chicks shipped in from other states.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 23.8 million, up 4 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and up 1 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 1.9 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 84 percent.

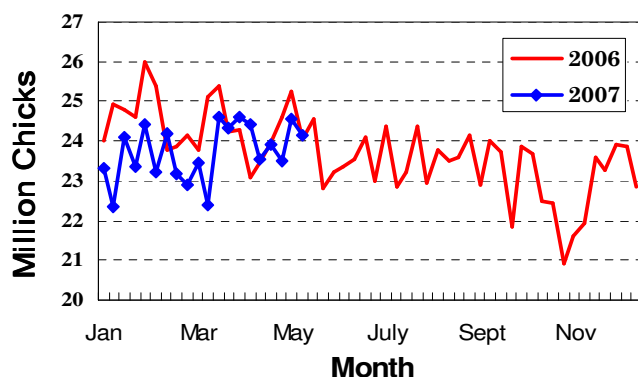
Arkansas hatcheries set 27.9 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending May 19, 2007, down 3 percent from the same period last year, and down 4 percent from the previous week.

Week Ending ¹	Chicks Placed			Chicks Hatched			Eggs Set		
	2006	2007	% of Prev. Year	2006	2007	% of Prev. Year	2006	2007	% of Prev. Year
	<i>Thousand</i>			<i>Thousand</i>			<i>Thousand</i>		
Apr. 14	23,108	24,406	106	23,156	23,032	99	28,635	28,586	100
Apr. 21	23,467	23,531	100	23,269	23,419	101	28,332	28,327	100
Apr. 28	23,952	23,898	100	23,924	23,830	100	27,628	28,547	103
May 5	24,608	23,518	96	23,900	23,914	100	28,366	29,200	103
May 12	25,231	24,560	97	23,631	23,660	100	27,847	29,002	104
May 19	24,058	24,148	100	23,001	23,824	104	28,806	27,943	97

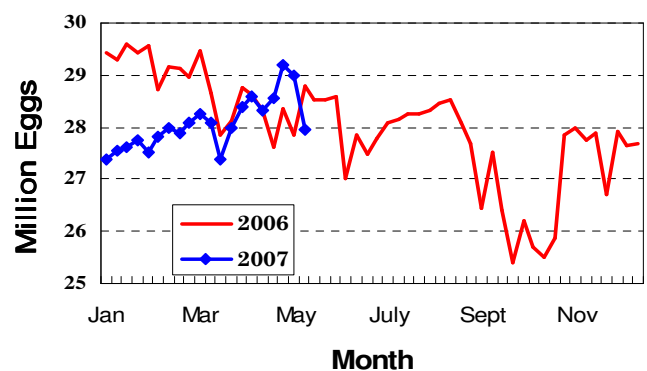
¹ For previous year, it is the comparable week.

* Revised in current week

Chicks Placed In Arkansas, 2006-2007



Eggs Set In Arkansas, 2006 - 2007



Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Weeks, April 21, 2007 - May 19, 2007

State	Eggs Set							Chicks Placed										
	Week Ending							Week Ending										
	21-Apr	28-Apr	5-May	12-May	19-May	% 1/		21-Apr	28-Apr	5-May	12-May	19-May	% 1/					
Thousand																		
Alabama	31,737	31,504	31,092	31,185	*	31,372	99	20,676	*	20,656	20,593	*	21,030	*	21,727	100		
Arkansas	28,327	28,547	29,200	29,002		27,943	97	23,531	23,898	23,518	24,560		24,148		100			
Delaware	4,064	4,108	4,160	4,086		4,105	112	5,507	5,467	4,801	5,307		4,697		92			
Florida	1,383	1,384	1,376	1,377		1,321	137	1,497	1,555	1,468	1,830	*	1,390		100			
Georgia	36,540	36,488	35,761	36,101	*	36,294	105	28,447	30,068	*	30,109	*	29,934	*	28,603	100		
Kentucky	8,059	*	7,720	*	7,705	7,769	7,888	112	6,347	*	5,891	*	6,096	*	6,340	105		
Louisiana	3,924	3,924	3,955	3,955		3,923	100	3,765	3,901	3,892	3,833		3,959		105			
Maryland	8,941	8,932	8,776	8,926		8,852	99	5,833	6,047	5,881	6,666		6,493		125			
Mssissippi	19,090	18,796	*	18,826		19,104	105	17,370	17,559	17,429	17,502		16,994		110			
N. Carolina	19,625	19,843	*	19,506		19,949	106	15,907	16,434	16,370	15,837		16,149		105			
Oklahoma	6,771	6,583	6,633	6,636		6,852	109	5,298	5,007	5,623	4,862		4,699		89			
Pennsylvania	4,152	3,836	*	3,998	*	4,080	*	4,091	99	2,990	3,144	*	3,257	*	3,148	*	2,893	110
S. Carolina	5,775	5,659	5,473	5,643		5,604	106	4,971	5,415	4,671	4,611	*	5,602		119			
Texas	15,049	15,122	14,971	15,073		15,098	101	12,713	12,675	12,606	12,663		12,773		112			
Virginia	6,540	6,478	6,480	6,553		6,507	100	5,203	5,225	6,157	4,446	*	5,255		91			
CA,MO,TN&WV	20,638	*	19,850	20,157	*	20,959	*	21,080	106	18,091	17,751	18,370	18,109	*	17,517	106		
19 State Total	220,615	*	218,774	*	218,069	*	220,398	*	219,733	178,146	*	180,693	*	180,841	*	180,978	*	179,239
Prev. Year Total	212,327		210,570		211,844		213,524		213,197	175,809		177,833		176,955		174,308		172,844
% of Prev. Year	104		104		103		103		103	101		102		102		104		104
Approximate Marketing Date 2007 2/									9-Jun	16-Jun	23-Jun	30-Jun	7-Jul					

* Revised in current week.

1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

2/ Industry average; seven weeks from placement.

Broiler Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up 3 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 220 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 19, 2007. This was up 3 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Up 4 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 179 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 19, 2007. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative Placements from December 31, 2006 through May 19, 2007 were 3.50 billion, down slightly from the same period a year earlier.